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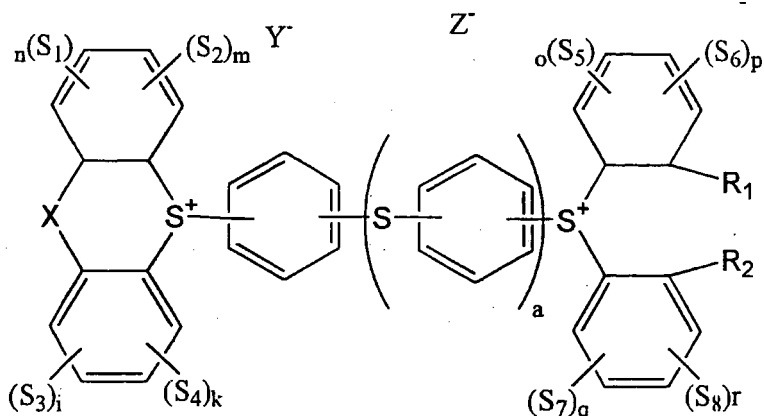
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(54) **Resist composition and pattern forming method using the same**

(57) A resist composition comprising (A) an acid generator represented by formula (1):



wherein S_1 to S_8 each independently represents a substituent; a , n , m , l , k , o , p , q and r each independently represents an integer of 0 to 2; X represents a single bond or a divalent linking group; R_1 and R_2 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent, and R_1 and R_2 may combine with each other to represent a single bond or a divalent linking group; and Y^- and Z^- each independently represents an organic sulfonate anion.

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